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SUBJECT: UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD: INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION  
RELATING TO ISRAEL

REF A. STATE 201510, B. STATE 191153

1. WE MET AUG 27 WITH BARON DE SELYS, CHIEF OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES SECTION OF FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND RAISED WITH HIM, ALONG LINES REFTEL A AND PREVIOUS, QUESTION OF ACTION AT 98TH EXECUTIVE BOARD (PARIS-SEP 15-OCT 10) TO GET BOARD TO ADOPT RESOLUTION THAT WOULD LEAD TO INCLUSION OF ISRAEL IN UNESCO'S EUROPEAN GROUP.

2. DESELYS SAID THAT BELGIUM WAS IN FAVOR OF ISRAELI INCLUSION AND WOULD WORK TOWARDS THAT END. HE ADDED THAT HE AND BELGIAN UNESCO REPRESENTATIVE VAN USSEL HAD DIFFERING VIEWS ON DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY AND PROBABLE SUCCESS OF SUCH AN INITIATIVE. HE SAID VAN USSEL WAS ETERNALLY OPTIMISTIC, ESPECIALLY NOW AFTER MILD AFRICAN RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT AT JULY OAU MEETING. DESELYS SAID HE FEARS THAT THE AFRICANS HAD ONLY TEMPORARILY SHELVED THE ISRAEL ISSUE IN ORDER TO REAP MAXIMUM BENEFITS FROM THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION UNGA, AFTER WHICH TIME THEY WOULD AGAIN CLIMB ABOARD THE ANTI-ISRAEL BANDWAGON WITH SAME OLD ENTHUSIASM.

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3. WE MADE THE CASE, AS PER REF A, FOR BELGIUM TO TAKE THE LEAD AND INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION IN EXBOARD AGENDA. DESELYS SAID HE WOULD CONSULT WITH VAN USSEL AND WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL DAVIGNON. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT BELGIAN DECISION WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN TIME FOR EC-9 MEETING IN ROME SEP 2-3. WE LEFT WITH DESELYS COPY OF DRAFT RESOLUTION (REF B).

4. COMMENT. DESELYS IS UNLIKELY TO URGE FAST ACTION TO HIS DECISION-MAKING SUPERIORS. BELGIAN DECISION WHETHER TO GET OUT AHEAD WILL NO DOUBT WAIT ON CAREFUL PULSE-TAKING IN PARIS. ON ITS PAST RECORD BRUSSELS WILL NOT WANT TO BE CAUGHT ALONE OUT IN FRONT IN A LOSING CAUSE. RENNER

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